

## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL (CYCLE C)

**Celebrant:** On this blessed night / day we rejoice, because our saviour has been born. Let us pray to the Father, who has shown his endless love by sending his only son.

Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. For the leaders of our church, especially for our Holy Father, Pope Francis and our Bishop Paul, that they may continue to be a channel of peace and joy of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For all the members of our church and for all people throughout the world, that they may share the joy of this holy night / special day and live in tolerance. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer*

3. For all mothers, that they may follow the example of blessed Mary, who so lovingly welcomed the infant Christ into her life. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. On the occasion of the visit of our Holy Father, let us pray that the Almighty will grant His special blessings of peace and tolerance. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. For all nations and rulers especially for the United Arab Emirates, for the President of the UAE, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan; His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE; His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme commander of the UAE Armed forces, and all those in authority, that they may be blessed to lead the country in to prosperity and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** Lord God, in purity and love, your Son was brought forth by blessed Mary, your handmaid. May she bring these prayers before you, which we make, through Christ our Lord.

Response: *Amen.*